

Amendments to the Specification

Please insert the following paragraphs following page 3, line 27:

Fig. 2 is a front view of the mobile handset of Fig. 1 in navigation mode.

Fig. 3 is a front view of the mobile handset of Fig. 1 in alphanumeric mode.

Please replace page 5, lines 1-18 with the following amended paragraph:

Upon powering up the mobile, the interface routine of the mobile defaults to the alphanumeric mode enabling the user to dial telephone numbers. Alphanumeric mode is also used when inputting data, such as when inputting names associated with frequently dialed telephone numbers into memory. An icon, such as the letter "A", appears in the lower right hand corner of display 26 to indicate that the mobile is in alphanumeric mode Fig. 3. To gain access to menu-driven options, the "M", or toggle, key 22 is pressed which places the mobile in the menu, or navigation, control mode. When in the navigation mode, an icon such as an arrow replaces the alphanumeric icon indicator in the lower right hand corner of display 26, to indicate navigation mode to the user Fig. 2. In addition to or as an alternative indication of navigation mode, the housing surface area associated with navigation keys 10 shown in Fig. 1 as an oval, as well as navigation keys 10 are illuminated with a backlighting source whenever the

mobile is in navigation mode Fig. 2. In contrast, all the keys of the keypad 20 are illuminated when in alphanumeric mode Fig. 3. Suitable backlighting sources include light emitting diodes (LEDs) and electroluminescent (EL) panels. As an alternative additional indicator of navigation mode to the user, housing surface areas shown at 36, 38, 40, and 42 and corresponding navigation keys 16, 18, 14, and 12 are individually illuminated as shown in Fig. 2 with a backlighting source when one of the keys is operated. A variety of illumination schemes and icon indicators can equally serve the purpose of indicating mode to the user.